

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven Melvyn HOWDLE et al.  
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For: POLYMER COMPOSITION LOADED WITH CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: